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SUBJ: US POLICY ON SPORT CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA

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1. SUPREME COUNCIL FOR SPORT IN AFRICA (SCSA)  
RESPONSE OUR DEMARCH (REFTELS B, C AND D) AND APPROVAL FOR CU  
BOXING CLINIC CONTAINED REFTEL A. HEREWITH FOLLOWS TEXT OF  
LETTER FROM SCSA SECTY GEN GANGA REQUESTING AMBASSADOR TO  
TRANSMIT TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT CARTER (PARA 2) AND TEXT OF  
TELEGRAM (PARA 3).

2. QUOTE WE KINDLY REQUEST YOU TO TRANSMIT THE ENCLOSED TELEGRAMME  
MESSAGE TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA. IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT THE CONTENT OF THE  
MESSAGE-- WE ARE COMMUNICATING, IS WELL UNDERSTOOD. END QUOTE

3. QUOTE THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR SPORT IN AFRICA STRONGLY PROTEST  
THE CURRENT TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA TENNIS TEAM TO USA. SINCE 1963  
WE URGED FOR CHANGE ON APARTHEID SPORTING POLICY IN SOUTH AFRICA  
MANY COUNTRIES USA INCLUDED REQUESTED US NOT TO CLOSE THE DOOR TO  
SOUTH AFRICA SPORTSMEN TO ALLOW THEM TIME TO EFFECT A CHANGE IN  
POLICY. NOT UNTIL 1970 AFTER SOUTH AFRICA CUT OFF FROM PARTICI-  
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PATING IN SPORTS INTERNATIONALLY THE WORLD NOTICED CHANGE IN  
ATTITUDE. WE ARE CONVINCED THE WORLD TOTAL ISOLATION TO SOUTH  
AFRICA WILL BRING OVERDUE CHANGE IN SPORTS POLICY. MR. PRESIDENT  
AFRICA STRONGLY URGE YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT TO DO YOUR BEST  
TO DISCOURAGE APARTHEID POLICY ON SOUTH AFRICA AND USA SOUTHERN  
AFRICA SPORTS CONTACTS. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR HIGHEST REGARDS.  
JEAN CLUDE GANGA, SECRETARY GENERAL SCSA. END QUOTE

4. COMMENT: IT OBVIOUS FROM WMBUA COMMENT AND GANGA LETTER TRANSMITTED REFTEL B THAT SCSA WOULD LIKE TO FIND A WAY OUT OF PRESENT IMPASSE. HOWEVER, WHILE SCSA MAY BE WILLING TO FIND COMPROMISE SOLUTION, THE REAL PROBLEM MAY BE WITH OAU TAKING STRONGER STAND ON BASIS POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. WHILE WE CONTINUE HAVE SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING WITH SCSA OFFICIALS, IT APPARENT THAT THEY ARE UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE OAU AND OAU MEMBERS WHO WISH SEE SOUTH AFRICA PROGRESSIVELY ISOLATED. THEREFORE, BELIEVE THIS PROBLEM NOT CAPABLE OF SOLUTION WITH SCSA OFFICIALS IN YAOUNDE BUT REQUIRES COORDINATED AFRICA WIDE EFFORT, PARTICULARLY IN NEW YORK (UN DELEGATIONS), ADDIS (OAU), AND LAGOS (PRESIDENT ORDIA AND NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT).

5. IN MEANTIME, IF APPROPRIATE, SUGGEST WHITE HOUSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT GANGA TELEGRAM ASAP AS OPPORTUNITY OPEN CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE ON SUBJECT AND PERHAPS REFER TO OUR EFFORTS TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES BASED ON CONSENSUS TO COMBAT APARTHEID THROUGH CURRENT SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON DECLARATION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA.

6. SINCE SCSA TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER, ANY LATERAL DISTRIBUTION THIS MESSAGE LEFT TO DISCRETION OF WASHINGTON.

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